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December 19, 1983

Mr. Wayne N. Pierre
Hazardous Waste Site Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278

Re: Owens-Illinois, Inc.
Vega Alta, Puerto Rico
Request for Information

Dear Mr. Pierre:

Enclosed is the Owens-Illinois de Puerto Rico, Vega Alta plant response to your request for information under 42 U.S.C. §9604(e)(1) and 42 U.S.C. §6927. A copy of the "Information Requested" questionnaire is also enclosed as Attachment A of our reply. Please note the Vega Alta plant's answers are keyed to the individual questions of your request.

The answers and records given in the enclosed reply are to the best of the plant's knowledge and records at the time of submission. The Vega Alta plant began operations in 1975; however, Owens-Illinois' Records Retention Policy does not require purchasing and other correspondence to be kept for more than two years. Therefore, the data provided in the enclosed reply may not represent all transactions since the beginning of plant operations but does represent those transactions found in the plant files during our search for information to respond to your request.

We will continue to review our records for any pertinent information which may be applicable to your request. If any such additional information is found, we will notify you.

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After you have reviewed the enclosed material, we would very much like to have an opportunity to review any information the EPA may have on our Vega Alta facility. Moreover, we would like to meet with EPA to discuss any future RCRA or CERCLA activities.

Very truly yours,

OWENS-ILLINOIS, INC.

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Legal Counsel

HMC:mjc

Enclosures

cc: William K. Sawyer, Attorney (le. only) ✓
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**OWENS-ILLINOIS, INC., VEGA ALTA CONTAINER PLANT
REPLY TO U.S.EPA, REGION II REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
UNDER 42 U.S.C. §9604(e)(1) DATE AUGUST 29, 1983***

Question 1

- a) Owens-Illinois de Puerto Rico (PDR 090400285)
- b) Fausto Rodriguez, P.O. Box 387, Vega Alta, P.R.00672
Road 690 KM1.7
Ohio
- c) Agent for service of process is Mr. Fausto Rodriguez

Question 2

Operations began in November 1975 and continue to date.

Question 3

- a) November, 1975
- b) and c) See Attachment B
- d) The manufacture of glass containers requires the use of lubricating oils and grease on various plant equipment. The majority of the waste oils result from the treating of recirculated contact cooling waters that are used to handle hot glass. Additionally, the manufacturing processes use molds, forming machines and other equipment which become coated with various oils and greases. This equipment is periodically cleaned by various cleaning solutions during rehabilitation or repair.

Question 4

- a) The plant personnel have no information on the disposal of hazardous substances and/or wastes at any site in Vega Alta. Disposal companies located outside Vega Alta are listed on Attachment B.
- b), c), d) and e) - not applicable.

Question 5

See answer to Question 3.

*See Attachment A for U.S. EPA request.

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Question 6

Attachment C & D are the results of the analysis of water from wells on our property. Consultants for the U.S.EPA have also taken samples of these wells, but the results are unknown to us at this time.

Question 7

- a) The "Waste Cleaning Solution" listed in Attachment A is produced as a result of metal cleaning operations and consists of up to 3 percent perchloroethylene in a caustic solution. Attachment E provides a general indication of this waste's composition and documents related to this waste's disposal (dates, payment receipts, etc.) are attached in Attachment F. We would note that the "degreaser room tank" mentioned on various purchase orders is the tank used to accumulate the "Waste Cleaning Solution" for disposal. This tank's capacity is 880 gallons and this volume has been used to estimate the quantity figures given in Attachment A.
- b) See Attachment A and the answer to Question 7a.
- c) See answer to Question 7a.

Question 8

No locations were identified related to Question 4b.

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ATTACHMENT A

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INFORMATION REQUESTED

1. a. State the full name of your company. For the purposes of this letter, your company shall be referred to as "the company".
b. State the name(s) and address(es) of the current president
c. Identify the street address, state of incorporation, and agent for service of process for the company and its facilities located in Vega Alta, Puerto Rico.
2. When did operations begin at the Vega Alta, Puerto Rico facility(s)?
Do these operations continue today?
(If the company has more than one facility, please identify each one and provide the address for each and answer all questions for each)
3. a. When (month and year) did the company begin to generate hazardous substances and/or wastes at this facility(s)?
b. Identify the nature and quantity of all hazardous substances and/or wastes generated by each facility since it first began operations.
c. During which years was each hazardous substance generated?
d. Identify and describe the facility operation which generated the waste identified in 3.b and c, above.
4. a. State whether the company has ever disposed and/or spilled, arranged for disposal, supervised the disposal of, or in any way been involved in the disposal of hazardous substances or other wastes at any site located in Vega Alta.
If your answer is no, please identify where any hazardous substances or wastes were disposed of.
b. Identify on a suitably scaled map the location of each such disposal and/or spillage area.
c. State the years during which disposal and/or spillage occurred at each such area.
d. Identify the type and quantity of waste disposed and/or spilled at each such area and the years each waste type was disposed of there. To identify a chemical or other hazardous waste/substance, provide the name, composition and its source and/or origin.
e. Provide copies of all documents relating to the operation, design, construction or inspection of each such area identified in 4b., above.

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5. Are there any hazardous substances or waste which the company hauled, handled or treated in Vega Alta, Puerto Rico?

If not identified in your answer to question 3, please identify the activity involving these substances and/or wastes and the nature and quantity of these substances and/or wastes.

6. Provide copies of any groundwater investigative studies performed by the company or its agents at or in the vicinity of the facility(s).
7. a. Describe all waste material that has been produced as a result of metal cleaning and/or degreasing operations at the facility(s) beginning when chlorinated metal cleaning and/or degreasing solvents were first used.
- b. What quantity of such waste material was disposed of in each calendar year?

Where was this waste disposed of?

- c. Identify each waste hauler that has picked up company waste consisting of or containing a chlorinated metal cleaning and/or degreasing solvent or any waste associated with metal cleaning and/or degreasing operations since the facility(s) began using such solvents. State the dates that the haulers picked up the waste, the type and quantity of solvent and the place of disposal. Also, provide all documents, including payment receipts, that relate to the hauling or disposal of such waste.
8. Identify all company employees or agents (supervisors included) who at any time have been responsible for work related to the disposal or handling of waste materials at the locations identified in 4.b., above. Identification shall include the individual's name, current address and phone number, if known, and company position and job description at the time the employee or agent had such responsibility.

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ATTACHMENT B - Nature and Quantity of Hazardous Substance and/or Waste Generated at Vega Alta Plant

<u>Year</u>	<u>Waste Oils</u>	<u>Waste Cleaning Solutions</u>
1978	10,950 gallons(U.S.)	4,400 gallons(U.S.)
1979	330 "	7,040 "
1980	No records found	4,400 "
1981	3,750 gallons(U.S.)	2,640 "
1982	1,700 "	4,400 "
1983	4,500 "	3,520 "

Nature

Waste Oils consist of lubricating oils and greases resulting from the plant process and auxiliary equipment.

Waste Cleaning Solutions consist of caustic, chlorinated and non-chlorinated solutions resulting from the maintenance and cleaning operations at the plant.

Disposal Agents

- 1) Clear Ambient
GPO Box 1675
San Juan, P.R. 0936
- 2) Servicios Carbareon, Inc.
Suite 416 Cobians Plaza
Ave. Ponce de Leon
Santurce, PR 00909
- 3) Hydrocarbon Recovery Systems Inc.
P.O. Box 10441
Caparra Hts. STA
Puerto Rico 00922

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